



November 11, 2022

National FOIA Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2310A)
Washington, DC 20460

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW REQUEST

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) (FOIA), Taylor Research Group LLC (TRG) requests access to reports, which are in the possession, custody, or control of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) pertaining to the Newtown Creek Commercial Navigation Study.

It is our understanding that the preliminary results of this study were presented by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to USEPA and the Newtown Creek Group on March 5, 2020 and that an interim report about the study was to be finalized by the end of March 2020.¹ We also understand that an update on this study was provided to the Newtown Creek Community Advisory Group on April 20, 2022 by USACE Project Manager Lisa Barron. In a PowerPoint presentation intended for this group, it was stated that USACE was contracted by USEPA through the International, Intragency and Environmental Services Program to conduct this analysis in support of its Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study.² This PowerPoint also indicated that a report was to be finalized and publicly released. Therefore, we are seeking the 2020 interim report and 2022 finalized report. If the finalized report has not yet been completed, we would like to know if a publication date/public release date has been set.

We request that you share the reports electronically or send paper copies to us if digital copies are not available. To the extent that any of the reports have exemptions, I request that you sanitize the documents for our review and please specify the exemptions claimed for each page or passage.

¹ 2020 03 05 Newtown Creek Commercial Navigation Study.

² 2022 04 20 Newtown Creek Commercial Navigation Analysis.



TRG agrees to pay all reasonable and standard processing fees up to \$250. If the fees will exceed this amount, please call me with an estimate of the costs so that I can specifically request authorization for expenditures beyond \$250.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 412.626.0603 or e-mail me at rachelreilly@taylorresearchgroup.com.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Reilly', is written over a large, light blue magnifying glass graphic that spans the right side of the page.

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